

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A papermaking belt for dewatering and imprinting a paper web. The belt comprises two laminae joined together in a face to face relationship to form a unitary laminate. The first lamina comprises a foraminous imprinting member which may 5 serve as a reinforcing structure for a patterned framework. The second lamina comprises a secondary base and a batting which is joined to the secondary base to form a dewatering felt. The two lamina are juxtaposed and attached such that batting from the second lamina extends through the foraminous imprinting member of the first lamina providing a hydraulic connection therebetween.